134. Necessity for some inter-state arrangements regarding the transmission of articles through the Anchal and Postal departments.

Mr. K. C. Mamman Mappillay, B. A., (*Kottayam*)brought forward this subject.

Reply.—This is a political matter and as such the subject is disallowed.

135. Extension of Railway in Travancore.

Mr. V. Sankaranarayana Iyer, B. A., B. L., (*Agastisvaram*) remarked that this was one of the subjects brought up at the last session of the Assembly and Government promised to consider the same. Some action had since been taken by way of making arrangements for counting the number of passengers along the South Travancore main-road and thus finding out how far the scheme would be a success. He prayed for the early extension of the railway to South Travancore as the people suffered much from its absence.

Mr. M. Sivathanu Pillai (*Tovala*), *Mr. Ponnaiya Nadar of Eraniel,* (*Nominated*), *Mr. Paul Daniel M. A., L. T.,* (*Native Christian Association, Nagercoil*), *and Mr. M. Madhavan Tampi* (*Kalkulam*) also spoke in support of Mr. Sankaranarayana Iyer's views.

Mr. M. D. Daniel, B. A., (*T. I. C., Nagercoil*) pointed out that a line through Trivandrum connecting Quilon with Nagercoil was absolutely necessary. The Shencottah-Quilon Railway was a white elephant for the State, but the loss incurred by Government on that account could be easily recouped by the construction of the proposed line. As for funds, the member suggested that it was not difficult to obtain loans at three or four per cent. interest on good guarantee from the people themselves, especially as they had now lost faith in the investment of their money in foreign banks.

Mr. M. Bhuthalingam Pillai (*Eraniel*) *and Mr. K. Kathir Pillai,* (*Alangad*) suggested that the requisite funds for the opening of railways might be taken from the wealthy Devaswoms of the State.

Mr. Ousep Kunjavirah Tharakan (*Vaikam*) *Mr. K. G. Raghava Menon* (*Changanachery*) *and Mr. Padmanabhan Parameswaran and Mr. Narayanan Velayudhan* (*Pathanapuram*) prayed for the extension of the Shoranur-Cochin Railway from Alwaye to Quilon and thence to the southern extremity of the State.

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